

**OFFICE OF CENTRAL INSPECTION
CITY OF WICHITA**

POLICY STATEMENT/INTERPRETATION

DATE: March 28, 1996

SUBJECT: ADA Maneuvering Clearances at Doors

CODE

SECTION(S) : ADA Sec. 4.13.6 and ADA Fig. 25

QUESTION: What is the maneuvering clearance required at the pull side of doors placed on angled walls, doors equipped with hold-open devices, or doors with column obstructions adjacent to the pull side?

ANSWER: A door on a wall which is angled at a minimum of 135 degrees from the wall adjacent to the latch side of the door (on the pull side) may reduce the pull side clearance required adjacent to the latch side of the door by a maximum of 6 inches, thus requiring a minimum of 12 inches adjacent to the latch side of the door. The remainder of the maneuvering space required shall be clear of all obstructions. (This results in allowing a maximum of a 6 inch right triangle to be eliminated from the forward latch side corner of the required maneuvering space.)

Doors which are placed on hold-open devices may eliminate the pull side clearance required adjacent to the door as long as the doors are maintained in the open position and as long as another exit path is available to all occupants served by the door on the hold open device. This exception should primarily be used only in the case of alterations of existing buildings and should be avoided in new buildings, when possible.

A column obstruction adjacent to the pull side of the door may extend a maximum of 6 inches into the maneuvering space required by ADA. This should be avoided if possible and will only be allowed when dealing with alterations to existing buildings.

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